



**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
FINAL DETERMINATION OF  
NON-SIGNIFICANCE  
July 29, 2005**

State of Washington

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

**Name of Proposal:** TUNK CREEK BRIDGE

**Description of Proposal:** The access road into Tunk Creek Wildlife Area has a failed crossing consisting of two 48 inch corrugated metal pipe culverts in the old streambed. These culverts failed several years ago when they became plugged or silted in and partially collapsed, causing the entire fill over the culverts to wash out. The stream has shifted to the south around the culverts, and the culverts are now outside of ordinary high water (OHW) of Tunk Creek. The current project would removed these failed culverts and place a 65 foot bridge over Tunk Creek to allow access to the Tunk Creek Wildlife Area along the existing access road. Restoration of this access will allow the Department of Fish and Wildlife to continue wildlife management, fire response, and weed control activities on the wildlife area.

Work will be conducted from each side of the existing blown out culvert location. Excavators will be used to reslope sideslopes to 2:1. Excavators will bench down to remove two old culverts located outside of OHW. Silt fence will be placed along edge of work area to prevent debris from rolling into Tunk Creek. Once slopes are reshaped, quarry spall will be placed over exposed soils above OHW and interplanted with willow stakes 3 feet on center. No work is to take place in water and no equipment crossings are expected. Precast concrete footings will be placed by crane from the north side of the crossing. Then the bridge will be placed by crane. Material will be graded by a dozer to fill up to the elevation of the bridge. That material will consist of soil revoked during slope reshaping and crushed rock. The entire site (approximately 800 square feet) will be replanted with native riparian vegetation.

**Proponent:**

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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Project is located approximately 15 mile northeast of Omak in the Tunk Valley. The crossing location along an access road off of Tunk Valley Road enters the Tunk Valley Wildlife Area and crosses Tunk Creek, Washington, Okanogan County; Section 12, Township 36 North, Range 27 East WM

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **July 28, 2005**

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